GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

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VILLAGE PUBLIC TELEPHONE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

he number and names of States which are likely to be fully covered with Village Public Telephone (VPTs) by August 15, 2001?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

Five States, namely, Andaman and Nicobar, Haryana, Punjab, Kerala and Tamil Nadu States have already been fully covered with Village Public Telephones (VPTs). VPTs earmarked for BSNL for other four states, namely, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra and Rajasthan have also been provided. Remaining villages in these four states are to be covered by Private Fixed Service Providers. No other State is likely to be fully covered with VPTs by August15, 2001.